



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

DECISION NOTICE FOR: Region 7 proposed pond stocking efforts 2014

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

Complete a wild fish transfer of up to 250 white and black crappie, 4-14 inches long from Tongue River Reservoir in Big Horn County near Decker to each of the following bodies of water; Chamberlain #2, Johnson Reservoir, Lake Harold, Kreider #3, and Rieger. Complete a wild fish transfer of up to 100 northern pike, 7-30 inches long from South Sandstone Reservoir in Fallon County, near Plevna to A.G. Lee #2.

Stock 500-1500 fingerling (2-3 inches) largemouth bass at each of the following bodies of water; Pinnow #2, Pinnow Reservoir, MacNab Pond, Lake Harold, and Hansen Pond. Largemouth bass propagated by the Miles City fish hatchery are the product of a captive broodstock maintained by the hatchery.

Stock 500-1500 fingerling (2-3 inches) channel catfish at each of the following bodies of water; Pinnow #2, Pinnow Reservoir, Castle Rock Lake, Chamberlain #2, and MacNab Pond. Fingerling channel catfish propagated by the Miles City fish hatchery are the product of pre-spawn wild parents captured annually on the Yellowstone or Tongue River near Miles City.

Stock 1000-1500 fingerling (7-9 inches) northern pike at each of the following bodies of water; Homestead Reservoir, Lindsay Reservoir, A.G. Lee #2, and Gardner Reservoir #2. Fingerling northern pike propagated by the Miles City fish hatchery are the product of pre-spawn wild parents opportunistically captured during the walleye spawning efforts on Ft. Peck Reservoir.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The EA was made available for a comment period on the FWP website, and press releases were given soliciting public comment on the proposed action.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the work identified. By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA with one modification, the addition of a crappie transfer to Kreider #3. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Brad Schmitz, Region 7 Supervisor, or Mike Backes, Region 7 Fish Manager.


Regional Supervisor

7/29/14

Date